GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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JHANJHARA PROJECT OF ECL
SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jhanjhara Project of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) has properly investigated by the expert mining engineer for raising coal from mines;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal for closing the said project;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether long wall machines have been dumped in the said project since long without any utility; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor and the corrective steps being taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b): Projects of coal companies are sanctioned by the Government after due appraisal of the Project Reports by an Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) and thereafter consideration and approval of the investment proposal by the Public Investment Board and Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs. IMG recommends the project proposals only after it is satisfied about the technical and financial viability of the project. Jhanjra underground project was sanctioned by the Government in December,1982 for a capacity of 3.5 mty at a capital cost of Rs.184.55 crores. In August, 1995, the cost estimates of Jhanjra underground project (Phase-I) was revised to Rs.386.24 crores for capacity of 2 mty and an advance action at a capital cost of Rs.17.72 crores for Phase-II of the project was also sanctioned.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. In view of fund constraint and technical reasons, the project, after due examination, is proposed to be foreclosed at a de-rated capacity after obtaining approval of the Government.

(e) & (f): No, Sir. Jhanjra underground project was having five longwall sets. The status of the longwall sets and production by each of them till March, 2002 are indicated below :-

Longwall equipment	Production, in Lakh tonnes	Remarks
KM 130 - I	23.87	Surveyed off.
KM 130-II	16.93	Being withdrawn to surface and to be surveyed off.
Ex-Dhemomain	13.41	Continue to work in AE1 panel in RVII A seam
Ex-Churcha	11.63	Continue to work in A2W4 panel in RVII seam
Ex-Satgram	4.86	Being salvaged and installed in AW3 panel in RVII A seam. To start production from June, 2002.